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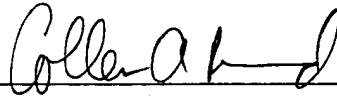
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It is submitted that the claims are novel and non-obvious. Allowance is earnestly solicited. A copy of all pending claims is attached to this document as an appendix, for the convenience of the Examiner.

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